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CHEROKEE, FOR REINHARDT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

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SUBJECT: TALK WITH NKOMO

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GENEVA 9944 THAT NKOMO TRAVELLING
TO LONDON TODAY WHERE HE WILL REMAIN UNTIL DECEMBER 18.
YOU SHOULD HOLD MEETING WITH NKOMO AND INFORM HIM OF
FOLLOWING.

2. WE HAVE NOTED FROM WIRE SERVICE ITEMS THAT NKOMO, ALONG
WITH MUGABE, HAS ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES,
ITS POLICIES AND ITS MOTIVATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN VERY
PATIENT ABOUT SUCH MATTERS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS
BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT POLITICAL NECESSITY OCCASIONALLY
REQUIRES NKOMO TO MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES IN
ORDER TO MAINTAIN HIS CREDIBILITY AND CREDENTIALS AS A
NATIONALIST LEADER.

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3. HOWEVER, THE FREQUENCY AND THE INCREASINGLY STRIDENT
TONE OF SUCH ATTACKS WE FIND NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE. YOU
SHOULD REMIND NKOMO THAT WE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE
OF HIS NEEDS, INCLUDING INTERVENTION WITH OTHERS FOR HIS
BENEFIT. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH THE UNITED
STATES CAN BE USED AS A CONVENIENT SCAPEGOAT FOR NKOMO'S

OWN DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS. IF THE ATTACKS CONTINUE

WE WILL HAVE TO REASSESS OUR OWN ATTITUDE

4. IN ADDITION YOU WILL BE GETTING TALKING POINTS FOR USE
WITH NKOMO ON THE ZIMBABWE SUPPORT FUND. YOU SHOULD USE
THE SAME OCCASION TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM AND EXPRESS THE
HOPE THAT HE WILL NOT LAUNCH A SIMILAR PUBLIC ATTACK ON
THE PLAN WHICH WE BELIEVE IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS OWN
CONCEPTION OF HOW HE HOPES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING
THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WILL EVOLVE IN AN
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. KISSINGER

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